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1. During the night of 31 January 1953, an engineer column of about 200 trucks was seen en route from Dresden toward Meissen. At 3 p.m. on 4 February, a column including T-34 tanks Nos 634, 646 and 652; 10 to 12 x 100 to 120-mm mortars; ambulance [redacted] and motor vehicles [redacted] was seen en route from Dresden toward Meissen. 25X1A 25X1B 25X1B

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2. At 6 a.m. on 1 February, a shipment of 6 JS tanks, 8 trucks, including [redacted], 3 motorcycles, 1 jeep and 6 boxcars, occupied by 120 to 140 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, passed through the Weimar freight station, coming from the direction of Weissenfels and proceeding toward Erfurt. Source believed that the shipment was bound for the Ohrdruf troop training grounds. 2
3. Troops and material from the Flak Kaserne in Weimar which were entrained on 13 February included: Six 37-mm AA guns, 18 trucks and 280 soldiers with full field pack, leaving eastward at 4 p.m.; and 6 x 85-mm AA guns, 30 trucks [redacted] and 480 soldiers with full field pack, leaving eastward at 6 p.m. 25X1A 25X1C 25X1C

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4. Between [redacted] on 16 February, 4 JS-3 tanks, including [redacted]; 4 SU-100 guns, [redacted]; a T-34 tank chassis, a BA-64 armored scout car, a sedan, 3 radio trucks, 2 tank trucks, a field kitchen, signal equipment and 6 trucks, [redacted] were entrained at the Donn-dorf railroad station. About 15 boxcars were seen there. 25X1C 25X1C 25X1C
5. On 12 and 13 February, major elements of motorized units were moving from Cottbus airfield to Welzow airfield. About 5,000 troops left the Welzow airfield toward west. The bulk of the units stationed in the Alvensleben Kaserne in Cottbus left toward the autobahn.

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25X1A 1. Comment. Large winter exercises apparently started in the area of the First Gds Mecz Army in early February, as it was observed in other army areas. On the basis of the motor vehicle numbers and the tank turret numbers observed with the column, it is impossible to determine whether it involved units of the 11th Gds Tank Div or the 9th Tank Div.

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25X1A 2. Comment. According to records in Thuringia, which are available for the period until 3 February, this shipment cannot be accounted for. The alleged destination, Ohrdruf, is probably correct, as the Kindel troop training grounds has not been used for practices this winter.

25X1A 3. Comment. Units of the 13th AAA Div were entrained. Another source observed the entraining of elements of this division as early as 13 February. 25X1A

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